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STATESBORO – Seminole State carded a 303 in the final round to overcome a four-shot deficit and top the Georgia Southern women's golf team by a stroke at the Strutter Gus Invitational Monday at Georgia Southern University Golf Course.

Four Eagles finished in the top-20, led by [Alberte Thuesen](#), who tied for second. [Sarah Noonan](#), who played as an individual, tied for eighth, and [Abby Newton](#) tied for 12th. [Ella Ofstedahl](#) tied for 17th.

Ana Perez Altuna (+6) of Jacksonville State took medalist honors after posting a 72 in the final round, and Thuesen tied with Tara Bettle of UNCG, who posted a 70 in the final round, for second.

Thuesen played the par-4 holes even for the week to lead the tournament and also led the field in birdies. Her second-round 70 was tied for the best score of the event. Ofstedahl led in par-5 scoring for the week, and Noonan's third-round 73 was tied for the fourth-lowest of the week with teammate [Kaysie Harrelson](#), who shot a 73 in the second round.

Thuesen birdied holes 1, 3 and 7 to make the turn 2-under in the second round, and the sophomore made five birdies en route to a 74 in the third round.

Harrelson birdied the first and ninth holes to make the turn at 1-under and added a birdie on 18 for her second-round 73, and [Abby Newton](#) made birdies on 8 and 9 and played the back nine 1-over on her way to a 76 in the second round.

Noonan made four birdies to shoot 2-under on the front nine en route to her third-round 73. [Emma Bell](#) made three birdies in the second round and shot 2-over on the back nine in the third round to finish in a tie for 29th.

The course played especially difficult throughout the week, and the average score for the tournament was 80.43. Because of the amount of rain the area has received recently, balls were sticking in the fairway instead of rolling. Conditions improved in the afternoon Sunday as the course dried out, but the wind whipped up Monday afternoon as a storm moved in and dropped steady rain for about an hour.

Scores

Team – 317-296-308=921 (+57), 2

[Alberte Thuesen](#) – 79-70-74=223 (+7), T2

[Abby Newton](#) – 79-76-79=234 (+18), T12

[Ella Ofstedahl](#) – 77-82-76=235 (+19), T17

[Emma Bell](#) – 82-77-79=238 (+22), T29
[Kaysie Harrelson](#) – 86-73-86=244 (+28), T40

Indys

[Sarah Noonan](#) – 81-79-73=233 (+17), T8
[Savanah Satterfield](#) – 80-78-83=241 (+25), T35
[Madison Heideman](#) – 83-81-86=250 (+34), T58

Quotables from Coach [Emily Kuhfeld](#)

"Well, it was close. We saw a lot of good things out there this week, and we know where we have work to do. We are proud of the team for battling through the changeable and tough conditions each day. The team's wedges and chipping were some of the best we have seen! It was so great to have families and friends out supporting the team, and that made it very special. A big thank you to the Georgia southern golf course staff, the players' families and members of the athletic department staff for all of their hard work in making the Strutter Gus a special event! Congratulations to Alberte for her finish and steady play, and we are looking forward to applying what we have learned in tournament play to our next few weeks of preparations for our next event."

Up Next

The Eagles are scheduled to play in the UNF Intercollegiate at the Jacksonville Golf and Country Club March 8-9 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Gallery: (2-22-2021) The Strutter - Day 2

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